

# Functional Area 30 Qualification Course (RC) Fact Sheet

## What is the FA 30 Information Operations (RC) Qualification Course?

The Functional Area 30 Qualification Course (Reserve Component) offered by the 3-124th Information Operations (IO) Battalion, Vermont Army National Guard is a 9 month, 3 phase course which uses the same program of instruction as the 12 week Active Duty FA 30 course. The FA 30 course is primarily for Captains through Colonels who will be assigned to an FA 30 position at brigade through corps level. It is also open to Soldiers and Department of Defense civilians who work in an Information Operations capacity. Phase 1 (Information Operations 101) is approximately 40 hours of self paced distance learning. Phase 2 is 28 four hour periods (UTA's) held once per week in the evening hours. During this phase, students work in a virtual classroom collaborating with fellow students and instructors over a secure Defense Connect Online (DCO) connection. Phase 3 is a 15 day (13 days of instruction plus 2 travel days) resident exercise held at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. During Phase 3 RC students are integrated with students of the Active Component FA 30 course for lessons and scenario based exercises. The RC course requires a significant time commitment beyond the four hours per week of collaborative online learning because it replicates the 12 week active component course. Once Phase 2 begins students can expect a workload similar to an online master's degree program, including presentations, papers, readings, exercises, and tests.

## Where and when is the course?

Phase 1 (IO 101) is available by open enrollment. Phases 2 and 3 are offered twice yearly. Phase 2 iterations usually begin in August and March, and Phase 3 is usually scheduled for April and October. See ATRRS for specific dates.

## How do I enroll?

Enroll through ATRRS, school code 1030, for the FA 30 QC, **students should enroll in all three phases simultaneously.**

Phase 1: Enroll in ATRRS for IO 101, which is phase 1 of the FA30 RC Course. The course ID is NGB-AIS-IO (101). Once processed (this may take several days) you will receive a user name and password by email. IO 101 must be completed prior to beginning Phase 2. Phases 2 and 3: Enroll in ATRRS for FA 30 QC phases 2 and 3, course number is 701-2G-FA30 (RC). Look closely at the start dates, Phase 2 may be in one Training Year and Phase 3 in another. Insure your phase 3 dates are following your phase 2 dates. Don't wait until completing IO 101 to sign up for Phases 2 and 3

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